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MEMORANDUM FOR: CofS

SUBJECT: Analysis of FRU/FEC Reports for April, May, June 1953

1. As reported in 1951 and 1952, the intelligence received from the interior of China has steadily diminished in both quantity and quality.

2. An analysis of the FRU/FEC reports from China for the months of April, May and June 1953, which were collated revealed a shotgun blast type pattern of subjects. The sources employed by FRU/FEC are generally local sources which necessarily restricts the scope of their reporting activities. Many reports use Chinese Nationalist sources who furnish second or third-hand information. This fact, coupled with duplicate reporting from other agencies, particularly FBIS, generally dictates a re-evaluation of the report in light of Nationalist political maneuvering at the time of the report. It should be noted that approximately 70% of the FRU/FEC reports emanate from Chinese Nationalist sources or from informants in their employ (including guerrilla forces).

3. DI, FEAF collated approximately 300 FRU/FEC reports in April, May and June from an unknown number available. The subject best covered from a qualitative standpoint, was economic intelligence. Quantitatively the best field covered was military activities; quality, however was not good. Political coverage by FRU/FEC was almost nil.

4. G-2 AFFE collated 408 reports during the period from approximately 660 available. Economic intelligence, both qualitatively and quantitatively, was the best field covered. Military information which was almost negative was generally confined to local activitues.

5. Area coverage for the period was confined to coastal areas opposite Taiwan and to the vicinity of Hongkong. Very few reports pertained to the interior of China.

6. FRU/FEC reports although important in the worldwide intelligence collection program, have proved to be of little value in this theater. When compared to other collection agencies which furnish information on Communist China to this Hq, FRU/FEC stands about fifth, with attache, embassy, and PW interrogation reports, and Chinese Nationalist reports preceding FRU/FEC.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That FRU/FEC intelligence collection efforts be intensified with particular emphasis on the procurement of diversified sources.

b. That immediate action be taken both by this Hq and by responsible Washington agencies to cultivate the vast intelligence potential of the Chinese Nationalist Government in order to develop a Mutual exchange of information. The aspirations of the Nationalist Government depend, to a great extent, upon the support of the US cooperation with the Chinese Nationalist Government, if utilized properly, should prove to be a valuable means of securing the desired information.

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